

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/583,364  
Applicant : Joseph Zawierucha et al  
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Examiner : Danielle D. Sullivan

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Customer No. : 6449  
Confirmation No.: 8196

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2008, please consider the amendment and remarks contained on the following pages. Accordingly, with a two-month extension of time, Applicants submit that this response is being timely filed on or before June 1, 2009 (May 31, 2009 falls on a Sunday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.